



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable A.J. Eggenberger
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In the Department of Energy's (DOE) quality assurance briefing to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board on June 25, 2008, my staff made a presentation on the status of the DOE Central Registry and the actions being considered to update existing toolbox codes to newer code versions and to add new codes to the Central Registry. The attached Safety Software Central Registry and Communication Portal Management Plan, which has been developed jointly with the Office of Environmental Management and the National Nuclear Security Administration, further describes DOE's approach for managing the safety software Central Registry.

Questions may be directed to me at (301) 903-3777 or your staff may contact Andrew Lawrence, Director, Office of Nuclear Safety, Quality Assurance, and Environment at (202) 586-5680.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Podonsky", is written over the typed name and title.

Glenn S. Podonsky
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